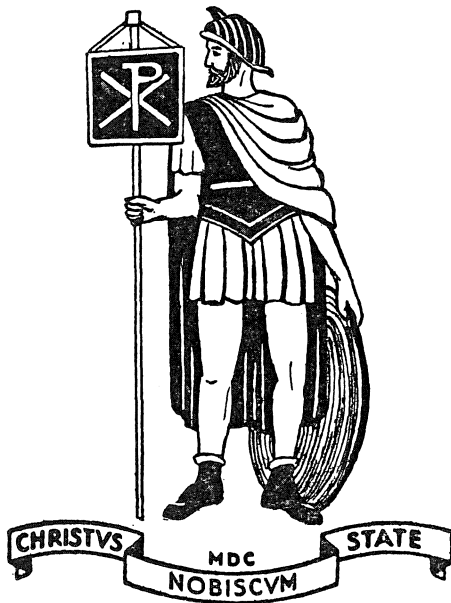


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EDITORIAL

The months fly past and Autumn is upon us. All but two of the above Committee, who helped to compile this magazine, have left us and are seeking new experiences in the adult world; with them, and with all those who departed in July, go our best wishes for their future success, and our hope that they will retain some measure of affection for this School which helped them on their way and which expects to receive news from them and to see them from time to time in the years to come.

As these notes go to press, we have already become accustomed to the bright, refreshing colours with which our buildings have been re-decorated and we trust that visiting Old Scholars will welcome the change from green and cream. Soon the pupils will once more be delivering copies of the "Record" to several hundreds of Old Scholars. Should you know of anyone who does not receive a copy and would like one, please let us know. To those parents and friends who have sent us news of Old Scholars and, of course, to Mr. Druller, who is still our main source of information, we are extremely grateful. If, however, your special item of news does not appear, the remedy is in your own hands : send it to us with full details for publication next time.

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 Y. J. Smith.
 S. M. Thomas.
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Bonsen, D. W.
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 P. J. Wiggett.
 E. Woodcock.

NOTES AND NEWS

On March 23rd the Art Society gave a film show of Degas' and Michelangelo's paintings in the Sistine Chapel. Three pounds were collected for the World Refugee Fund.

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The Annual Cross-country Race was held on Wednesday, March 30th. Cotter won the Senior race in 26 mins. 27 secs., and Wyatt R. the Junior in 15 mins. 3 secs.

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On April 1st Mr. Packham and Miss Simm took a party of senior pupils to London and visited the Natural History Museum, the National Gallery and the Tate Gallery. Four Sixth Form girls remained with Miss Simm for the week-end to visit other art galleries.

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On April 23rd members of the School Choir performed several songs at a concert given by Mrs. Roberts.

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On May 2nd "Dr. Faustus" was performed by Sixth Formers and Juniors, under the direction of Miss Baird. Six pounds were collected for the World Refugee Fund.

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Youth Employment Officers visited the School on May 4th.

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On May 5th Form IIA visited an exhibition at the Art Teachers' Training Centre in Birmingham.

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On Friday, May 6th the School was granted a full holiday in honour of the wedding of H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

A party of 45 Fifth and Sixth Formers attended a production of "Macbeth" on May 27th given by the students of Redditch College of Further Education. Miss Webley arranged the visit.

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On Friday, July 1st, a group of Juniors performed several Folk Dances for the remainder of the School in aid of the World Refugee Year Fund.

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On July 6th the Sixth Form Geography Group joined groups from other schools on an inspection of the East Warwickshire Plateau. Mr. Petherbridge accompanied the Alcester party.

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Mrs. Emrys-Jones visited us on July 13th and addressed the girls leaving School on the problems likely to assail them on entry into the adult world.

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On July 14th Mrs. Feast spoke to leavers on the work and aims of the Old Scholars' Guild.

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On July 8th and 15th parties visited Stratford Cinema under the organisation of Miss Webley to see films of Henry V and Hamlet.

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Volunteers throughout the School took part in Ordinance Survey Land Utilization in their spare time.

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New prefects appointed in the Summer Term were Day and Bowie.

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At the beginning of the Summer Term we welcomed Miss M. M. Curphy as the Domestic Science Mistress.

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Both Miss Daykin and Mr. Silva left at the end of the School Year. We wish them both success and happiness in their new appointments.

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Congratulations to Jeays on gaining admission to St. Peter's Hall, Oxford, and to Eileen Such on winning an Open Exhibition to Westfield College, London University.

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G.C.E. Advanced Level Examinations began on June 20th, Ordinary Level a week later. The results are published in this issue and we extend our congratulations to all successful candidates, and especially to Eileen Such and Jeays, who were awarded State Scholarships on their excellent performances.

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On Monday, July 18th the Tennis Gold Cup was won by Jennifer Barnsdale, who beat Barbara Jones 8-6, 6-1. We are happy to recall that Jennifer's mother (née Irene Ison) won the Gold Cup in 1936 and in 1938.

On Thursday, July 21st, the Staff and the Sixth Form again enjoyed their Social Evening. The tennis players were : Staff : Mr. Petherbridge and Mr. Lacey, Mr. Packham and Mrs. Davison, Mr. Clyndes with Mrs. Thornton and Miss Daykin, Mr. Silva with Miss Hewitt and Miss Morris, Mr. Oldham with Jean Pirie and Ruth Wright. Sixth Form : Day and G. Clews, Beale and E. Such, Sheppard and B. Jones, Cleeton and J. Barnsdale, Cotter and R. Patterson. The result in games was 119 to 106 in favour of the Sixth Form, but in sets 13 to 12 in favour of the Staff.

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Summer Term was from April 26th to July 22nd, with Half Term from June 4th to June 12th.

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The School acknowledges a gift to the Library by Russell, P. F., of Paul Johnstone's "Buried Treasure," and also a £1 note from an unknown benefactor, who posted the gift in the Isle of Wight!

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The Autumn Term opened on Tuesday, September 6th and Half Term will be the last week in October.

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As a result of recent increases in printing costs, the price of the "Record" will now be three shillings per issue. Postal subscribers will be notified individually of the amount remaining to their credit.

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We welcome Mrs. Southall, who joined the Staff this term, and also 65 new pupils whose names appear in this issue.

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The Prefects for this year, 1960-61, are the following : Head Boy : Canning. Prefects : Bennett, G., Bryan, Bowie, Day, Bennett, J., Hemming, M., Blockley, Fridman, Mills and Orton. Head Girl : J. Wilshaw. Deputy Head Girl : S. Sheppard. Prefects : H. Booker, R. Wright, J. Bailey, I. Highman, H. Jackson, G. MacAleese, J. Mason, J. Moore, L. Savage.

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES

Oxford Local Examinations 1960

General Certificate of Education

Advanced Level

Form Upper VI

D. W. Beale: Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics.
 P. H. Cotter: Chemistry.
 T. M. Jeays: Pure Mathematics (Distinction), Applied Mathematics (Distinction), Physics (Distinction).
 D. A. Lancaster: Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics.
 P. F. Russell: History.
 J. A. Sheppard: Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics.
 Jennifer Barnsdale: Latin, French, History.

Alison Jones: English Literature, History.
Barbara Jones: Cookery.
Ann Lloyd: Physics, Chemistry, Biology.
Eileen Moore: English Literature, History, Geography.
Rosemary Patterson: English Literature, Latin, French.
Eileen Such: Pure Mathematics (Distinction), Applied Mathematics (Distinction), Physics (Distinction).

Form Lower VI

Gillian Reading: Cookery.
Judith Tallis: English Literature.

Open Exhibition, Westfield College, University of London

Eileen Such.

State Scholarships

T. M. Jeays, Eileen Such.

Warwickshire County University Awards

D. W. Beale, T. M. Jeays, Gillian Clews, Ann Lloyd, Eileen Moore, Eileen Such.

Worcestershire County University Awards

J. A. Sheppard.

Ordinary Level

(e. English Language; E. English Literature; L. Latin; F. French; H. History; G. Geography; A. Art; R.K., Religious Knowledge; M. Mathematics; am. Additional Mathematics; P. Physics; C. Chemistry; B. Biology; W. Woodwork; Co. Cookery; N. Needlework.)

Form VI

P. W. Cleeton, G.; P. H. Cotter, M. P.; R. E. Day, P.; P. F. Russell, E. G.; Helen Booker, A. N.; Barbara Bullock, Co. N.; Alison Jones, F.; Barbara Jones, B.; Sylvia Langston, E. N. Co.; Jean Pirie, R.K.; Kathleen Renshaw, am.; Jacqueline Ramsey, Co.; Judith Tallis, R.K. N.; Ruth Wright, N.

Form VA

P. S. Fridman, e. E. H. G. M. P.; D. Handy, M.; M. J. Lovell, e. F. W.; C. P. J. Mills, e. E. F. G. M. P. C. B.; K. R. Odell, e. F. G. M. P. C. B.; S. Orton, e. E. F. H. M. P. C. B.; A. M. Stallard, e. E. M.; E. C. Stanford, e. F. G. M. P. C.; B. G. Wilmlett, F. M. C. B.; P. R. Wyatt, e. E. F. H. G. M. C.; Julia Bailey, e. E. F. M. C. B. Co.; Pamela Brookes, e. E. H. M. Co.; Hilary Clark, e. E. F. G. M. C. B.; Marilyn Haydon, e. E. L. F. H. M. C. B.; Isabel Highman, e. E. F. A. M.; Helen Jackson, e. E. F. G. A. M. B.; Mary Jordan, e. E. F. H. M. Co.; Gillian MacAleese, e. E. L. F. M. P. C. B.; Jennifer Mason, e. E. L. F. M. C. B.; Josephine Moore, e. F. G. A. Co.; Jane Moore, e. E. F. M. C. B. Co.; Margaret Pope, e. E. F. G. A. M.; Linda Savage, e. E. L. F. H. G. M. B.; Diana Smith, e. E. F. M. C.; Judith Thornton, E. A. Co.; Susan Tillesley, E. F. H. G. A.; Francis Wall, e. F. A. M. Co.; Valerie Welch, e. M. Co.

Form VB

M. C. Brand, E. F. H. M. C.; R. E. Carleton, G. M.; A. M. Edwards, e. M. W.; J. F. Gillett, e. M.; C. D. Handy, F. M. W.; J. F. Hawthorne, A.; G. Mertens, F.; S. M. Stevenson, W.; L. J. L. Taplin, M.; P. A. Taylor, A.; D. G. Watson, E. F.; J. N. Williamson, G. M.; P. R. Yeomans, W.; Nita Crook, e. E. F. G. M. B. Co.; Pauline Downing, E. F. H. C. Co.; Christine Draper, E. A. M.; Jane Eborall, e. E. F. Co.; Pamela Finmore, M. Co.; Juliette Fitzmaurice, E. G.; Christine Forman, E.; Kathleen Hartwell, e. G. A. Co.; Sheila Ingram, F. A. Co.; Iris Jones, E. F. H. G. A. M.; Anne Pinfild, Co.; Janet Shrimpton, E.; Carol Smith, e. Co.

SPORTS DAY, 1960

Contrary to the weather-man's prediction, Wednesday, 20th July, dawned bright and sunny, and remained thus throughout its duration.

In the morning, final touches were added to the Arts and Crafts Exhibition, arranged tastefully in the gymnasium and the art room by Miss Webley, Miss Hewitt and Miss Simm, to whom our congratulations are extended for such a delightful display.

Several new events were introduced into the Athletics programme this year, including the one-mile walk, and the hop, step and jump, both of which proved popular.

The afternoon held many thrills and surprises in store for us, and was completed without a hitch, thanks to the expert organising of Miss Daykin and Mr. Silva, who maintained the high standard of performance we have experienced in the past.

At the conclusion of the Sports the School assembled on the field in the traditional manner for the rendering of the School Song, and the presentation of cups and prizes by Mrs. G. Crumpton.

After tumultuous cheering for all sides (but especially by the Brownies, the overall winners) the afternoon ended with the National Anthem, and the meeting broke up—hoarse, but happy.

D.A.L. (U. VI).

Sports Day Results, 1960

(B Brownies; J, Jackals; T, Tomtits)

* Indicates a new record

Over Fifteen—Boys

100 yards: 1 Sheppard (T), 2 Stevenson (B), 3 Cotter (T), 4 Turner (J); Time: 11.1 secs.
 220 yards: 1 Sheppard (T), 2 Stevenson (B), 3 Cotter (T), 4 Canning (J); Time: 25.4 secs.
 440 yards: 1 Sheppard (T), 2 Cotter (T), 3 Canning (J), 4 Stevenson (B); Time: 58.5 secs.
 880 yards: 1 Cotter (T), 2 Canning (J), 3 Sheppard (T), 4 Beale (J); Time: 2 mins. 20.4 secs.
 Mile: 1 Cotter (T), 2 Beale (J), 3 Taylor, P.A. (B), 4 Wilkinson (T); Time: 5 mins. 14 secs.
 Hurdles: 1 Beale (J), 2 Sheppard (T), 3 Wilkinson (T), 4 Turner (J); Time: 14.8 secs.
 Discus: 1 Cleeton (J), 2 Beale (J), 3 Sheppard (T); Distance: 127ft. 9in.
 Shot: 1 Cleeton* (J), 2 Beale (J), 3 Turner (J), 4 Cotter (T); Distance: 41ft. 1in.
 Javelin: 1 Beale (J), 2 Tallis (B), 3 Wyatt (i) (J), 4 Sheppard (T); Distance: 128ft. 9in.
 Long Jump: 1 Sheppard (T), 2 Beale (J), 3 Cleeton (J), 4 Lancaster (J); Distance: 16ft. 7in.
 High Jump: 1 Stanford (B), 2 Fridman (B), 3 Wyatt (i) (J), 4 Beale (J); Height: 5ft.
 Cross Country: 1 Cotter (T), 2 Taylor, P.A. (B), 3 Wilkinson (T), 4 Beale (J); Time: 26 mins. 27 secs.
 Mile Walk: 1 Taylor, P.A. (B), 2 Leach (B), 3 Bryan (B); Time: 8 mins. 24.5 secs.

Girls

100 yards: 1 L. Smith (B), 2 C. Foreman (B), 3 M. Pope (T), 4 J. Pirie (J); Time: 13.4 secs.
 220 yards: 1 C. Foreman (B), 2 L. Smith (B), 3 M. Pope (T), 4 C. Oram (J); Time: 31 secs.
 Hurdles: 1 J. Pirie (J), 2 L. Smith (B), 3 R. Wright (B), 4 C. Oram (J); Time: 14.3 secs.
 Rounders Ball: 1 J. Pirie (J), 2 M. Haydon (J), 3 M. Pope (T), 4 C. Smith (T); Distance: 155ft. 1in.
 Discus: 1 J. Pirie (J), 2 N. Crooke (T), 3 G. Clews (B), 4 J. Swain (B); Distance: 64ft. 2in.
 Javelin: 1 J. Pirie* (J), 2 R. Shakespeare (T), 3 S. Ingram (B); Distance: 107ft. 1in.
 High Jump: 1 R. Wright (B), 2 J. Pirie (J), 3 J. Tallis (J), 4 R. Lord (J); Height: 4ft. 3in.
 Long Jump: 1 M. Pope (T), 2 L. Smith (B), 3 J. Pirie (J), 4 R. Wright (B); Distance: 13ft. 7in.

Thirteen - Fifteen—Boys

100 yards: 1 Barley (B), 2 Smith (B), 3 Homer (B), 4 Greaves (T); Time: 11.9 secs.
 220 yards: 1 Barley (B), 2 Smith (B), 3 Homer (B), 4 Greaves (T); Time: 28 secs.
 440 yards: 1 Homer (B), 2 Morris (B), 3 Wyatt (ii) (B), 4 Price (T); Time: 63.8 secs.
 880 yards: 1 Wyatt (ii) (B), 2 Morris (B), 3 Homer (B), 4 Smith (T); Time: 2 mins. 27 secs.
 Hurdles: 1 Barley (B), 2 Greaves (T), 3 Price (T), 4 Wyatt (ii) (B).
 Discus: 1 Oakes (T), 2 Middleton (J), 3 Palmer (T), 4 Morris (B); Distance: 77ft. 11in.

Shot: 1 Barley* (B), 2 Smith (B), 3 Thomas (B), 4 Morris (B); Distance: 32ft. 3in.
 Javelin: 1 Barley (B), 2 Morris (B), 3 Greaves (T), 4 Round (T); Distance: 88ft. 0in.
 High Jump: 1 Thomas* (B), 2 Barley (B), 3 Hemming (ii) (T); Height: 4ft. 9in.
 Long Jump: 1 Homer* (B), 2 Smith (B), 3 Barley (B), 4 Morris (B); Distance: 15ft. 10in.
 Mile Walk: 1 Wyatt (ii) (B), 2 Price (T), 3 Homer (B); Time: 8 mins. 15 secs.
 Hop-step-jump: 1 Cook (T), 2 Greaves (T), 3 Morris (B); Distance: 30ft. 0in.

Girls

100 yards: 1 V. Ross (T), 2 A. Couling (J), 3 K. Day (J), 4 A. Busby (J); Time: 13.1 secs.
 150 yards: 1 V. Ross (T), 2 M. Bott (J), 3 K. Day (J), 4 A. Busby (J); Time: 20.7 secs.
 Hurdles: 1 S. Moore (J), 2 V. Ross (T), 3 M. Bott (J), 4 A. Couling (J); Time: 12.4 secs.
 Rounders Ball: 1 E. Gadenner (T), 2 H. Parker (T), 3 Jo. Price (T), 4 J. Duxbury (B); Distance: 166ft.
 Discus: 1 J. Duxbury (B), 2 E. Colegate (J), 3 A. Bailey (J), 4 I. Busby (J); Distance: 53ft. 4in.
 High Jump: 1 A. Couling (J), 2 V. Ross (T), 3 J. Duxbury (B), 4 J. Craig (T); Height: 4ft. 3in.
 Long Jump: 1 M. Bott (J), 2 A. Couling (J), 3 V. Ross (T), 4 S. Millet (B), J. Duxbury (B); Distance: 12ft. 10in.

Under Thirteen—Boys

100 yards: 1 Jones (T), 2 Brookes (B), 3 Bakewell (B), 4 Barlow (T); Time: 13.5 secs.
 220 yards: 1 Jones (T), 2 Brookes (B), 3 Bakewell (B), 4 Barlow (T); Time: 31.5 secs.
 440 yards: 1 Jones (T), 2 Brookes (B), 3 Bakewell (B), 4 Atcheson (J); Time: 69.7 secs.
 880 yards: 1 Ford (J), 2 Vondrak (B), 3 Hudson (B); Time: 2 mins. 50.2 secs.
 1 Mile: 1 Hudson (B), 2 Ford (J), 3 Croote (T); Time: 6 mins. 14.4 secs.
 High Jump: 1 Bakewell (B), 2 Vondrak (B), 3 Jones (T), 4 Thornton (B); Height: 4ft. 0in.
 Long Jump: 1 Jones (T), 2 Barlow (T), 3 Ford (J), 4 Brookes (B); Distance: 14ft. 0in.
 Hop-step-jump: 1 Brookes (B), 2 Jones (T), 3 Ford (J); Distance: 24ft. 0in.
 Mile Walk: 1 Ford (J), 2 Atcheson (J), 3 Barlow (T), 4 Moulson (J).

Girls

100 yards: 1 P. Mahoney (B), 2 A. MacAleese (J), 3 J. Thomas (B), 4 M. O'Hara (J); Time: 13.2 secs.
 150 yards: 1 P. Mahoney (B), 2 A. MacAleese (J), 3 M. O'Hara (B), 4 M. Watton (B); Time: 21 secs.
 Hurdles: 1 L. Morrison (J), 2 A. MacAleese (J), 3 M. O'Hara (J); Time: 14.2 secs.
 Rounders Ball: 1 L. Morrison (J), 2 S. Fitzmaurice (T), 3 P. Mahoney (B), 4 M. Wright (B); Distance: 144ft. 3in.
 High Jump: 1 P. Mahoney (B), 1 J. Harrison (B), 3 J. Thomas (B), 4 S. Fitzmaurice (T); Height: 3ft. 2in.
 Long Jump: 1 P. Mahoney (B), 2 J. Thomas (B), 3 L. Morrison (J), 4 P. Cockburn (B); Distance: 13ft. 2in.

Other Events

Mass Relay (Boys, 24 x 110 yards): 1 Brownies, 2 Tomtits.
 Relay (Upper School Boys, 4 x 110 yards): 1 Tomtits, 2 Jackals.
 Relay (Lower School Boys, 4 x 110 yards): 1 Brownies, 2 Tomtits.
 Relay (Upper School Girls, 4 x 110 yards): 1 Jackals, 2 Brownies.
 Relay (Lower School Girls, 4 x 110 yards): 1 Brownies, 2 Tomtits.
 Tug-of-War: 1 Jackals, 2 Brownies.

The following presentations were made:—

VICTOR LUDORUM CUP: Sheppard.
 VICTRIX LUDORUM CUP: Jean Pirie.
 JUNIOR VICTRIX LUDORUM CUP: Pat Mahoney.
 CROSS-COUNTRY CUP (for winning house): Brownies.
 CROSS-COUNTRY CUP (for winner of senior event): Cotter.
 TENNIS CUP: Jennifer Barnsdale.
 GAMES SHIELD: Brownies.
 SPORTS SHIELD: Brownies.
 BOYS' SPORTS CUP: Brownies.
 GIRLS' SPORTS CUP: Jackals.
 SILVER MEDALS: Pat Mahoney, Lindsay Morrison, Jean Pirie, Virginia Ross, Lorna Smith, Barley Beale, Cotter, Homer, Jones, Sheppard, Wyatt (ii).
 BRONZE MEDALS: Mary Bott, Ann Couling, Anne MacAleese, Margaret Pope, Bakewell, Brookes Cleeton, Morris Nield, Smith, Taylor (ii).
 FINAL TOTALS: 1 Brownies (455 points); 2 Jackals (371 points); 3 Tomtits (325 points).
 Gillian Clews: English Literature, Latin, French.

CRICKET*Captain* : Sheppard.*Secretary* : Beale.

A very exciting season is over. Exciting, not in so far as the standard of the results but in the manner in which they were obtained. We started with a narrow defeat at Redditch; we then lost to Moseley in a low-scoring game. The turning point of the season was the sound victory over the Old Scholars. This was followed by an exciting finish and win against Blackdown. We then lost heavily to Tewkesbury and Evesham, and the Old Scholars took their revenge in the return match. Our next game against Worcester Training College gave us a thrilling finish. Worcester needed ten runs for victory and twenty-five minutes in which to get them, but tight fielding resulted in four run-outs. Finally Worcester needed one run for victory off the last ball, which they were two yards short of getting, the batsman being run-out in a desperate attempt for victory. But the game which we shall all remember was the return match against our local rivals, Redditch.

We opened the batting and soon lost six wickets for eight runs; a humiliating defeat loomed ahead. But Cotter, Wilkes and myself applied the "long-handle" and the score was raised to 58 all out; an amazing turnabout. Our visitors' downfall was accelerated by two splendid catches by Day in the gully. Simmons finished with the excellent figures of seven for fifteen. But throughout the season it has been essentially a team performance. The bowling and fielding has been good but our old weakness of batting still shows itself. I would like to thank the masters who have umpired, and the catering staff for their refreshments.

Batting Averages

			Total Runs	Innings	Times not out	Average
Cotter	...	...	62	8	—	7.75
Sheppard	...	...	53	9	1	6.625
Day	...	...	47	9	—	5.2
Wilkes	...	...	37	9	1	4.625
Wyatt	...	...	37	8	—	4.625

Bowling Averages

		Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Average
Wyatt	...	48	24	91	17	5.25
Simmons	...	86.7	23	177	30	5.9
Wilkes	...	28.4	7	92	13	7.1
Sheppard	...	28.1	6	72	6	12.0

Results

Versus Redditch High School (a), lost by two wickets; v. Moseley Grammar School (h), lost by 20 runs; v. Old Scholars, won by six wickets; v. Blackdown School (h), won by two wickets; v. Tewkesbury Grammar School (a), lost by 64 runs; v. Prince Henry's Grammar School (h), lost by 39 runs; v. Old Scholars, lost by 67 runs; v. Worcester Technical School (2nd XI) (a), match drawn; v. Redditch High School (h), won by 29 runs.

FOOTBALL*Captain* : Cleeton.*Secretary* : Beale.

Unfortunately the Football Matches that have been played have not produced good results for us, but we have done our best.

The First XI have had a very poor season but we progressed somewhat towards the end. The younger players played well but there was

not the necessary cohesion among all of us. The players who are worthy of mention are Cotter, Wyatt, Sheppard, Beale and Day.

The Under-15 XI were fairly successful but throughout the Season they did not play many matches. There are a few promising players, notably Wilkes, Nield and Willis.

P. CLEETON.

HOCKEY

Captain : Barbara Jones.

Secretary : Gillian Clews.

At the end of the Hockey Season, most of our matches were cancelled. Since the last report the First XI has played in the County Tournament at Henbury Playing Fields, King's Heath. Four matches were played, two of which were drawn and two lost by 1 goal to nil and 3-0. Next season we are looking forward to entertaining the Junior County Teams for a Tournament on our playing field.

The last match of the season was against Ragley Ladies, which resulted in a win for the School by two goals to one, after a very exciting and hard-fought game.

We now have a good sound basis for next season and hope for good results.

Colours awarded to : R. Patterson, G. Clews and S. Ingram.

B. E. JONES.

ROUNDERS

First IX Captain : Rosemary Patterson.

Secretary : G. Clews.

Under-15 IX Captain : Jacqueline Price.

This Term practices have been held during Second Dinner on Thursdays and Fridays. This Season we have played an Under-15 Team instead of the usual Second IX, and in this way we have discovered much talent in the First and Second Forms. The First IX have had no inspiring scores, but the Under-15 Team has been very successful, winning three out of their four matches. Lindsay Morrison deserves special commendation, for in her four matches she has made thirteen rounders, and her fielding has also been of a very high class.

R. A. PATTERSON.

The First IX has been represented by : P. Sherlock, M. Pope, R. Patterson, L. Morrison, C. Oram, K. Day, C. Jarrett, M. Ring, E. Gardener; also : D. Pugh, P. Downing, R. Lord, J. Ward, C. Smith, R. Wright.

Under-15 IX has been represented by : Jo. Price, Jacqueline Price, C. Gardener, S. Perkins, M. Wright, P. Mahoney, A. Busby, S. Cooke, P. Bullock; also : M. Hall, S. Fitzmaurice, P. Keaney, M. Anderson, M. Watton, J. Furber, P. Baylis.

Results

A.G.S. First IX v. Worcester Grammar School, lost 13-4; A.G.S. First IX v. Studley College, lost, 7½-1½; A.G.S. First IX v. Worcester Training College, lost, 3-2; A.G.S. First IX v. Stratford Grammar School, lost, by 1 innings and 11 runs; A.G.S. First IX v. Redditch High School, drew, 6½-6½.

A.G.S. Under-15 IX v. Worcester Grammar School, won, 4-1; A.G.S. Under-15 IX v. P.H.G.S., Evesham, won 10½-7½; A.G.S. Under-15 IX v. Stratford Grammar School, won, 1-0; A.G.S. Under-15 IX v. Redditch, lost, 6-4; A.G.S. Under-14 IX v. P.H.G.S., Evesham won 11½-7.

TENNIS

Captain : J. Barnsdale.

Secretary : G. Clews.

This year, the First Team has played only four matches and has won two of them. The last match which we played against Redditch resulted in a resounding victory for School, and although we lost to Prince Henry's Grammar School, Evesham, the result was very close. Two matches were cancelled due to bad weather.

It is significant to note that the team's play has been more successful in the second half of the Term than in the first. This is probably due to the fact that, having lost four of last year's players, the team took a little time to settle down after the introduction of its newly-formed members.

However, this fact has not deterred the keenness of the players, who have all practised whenever possible either after school or during the dinner hours, and the Annual Tennis Tournaments have again taken place this year. It is pleasing to note that many Junior girls have been enthusiastically practising their game, and it is hoped that some of them will continue this so that they will be able to represent their School in the near future.

The following have represented the School in matches : B. Jones, J. Barnsdale, C. Smith, H. Parker, J. Pirie, R. Wright, G. Clews, E. Such and S. Ingram.

Results

Alcester Second v. Worcester Second, lost, 7-2; Alcester First v. Worcester Training College, lost, 6-3; Alcester First v. Prince Henry's Grammar School, Evesham, lost, 5-4; Alcester First v. Stratford Grammar School, won, 6-3; Alcester First v. Redditch High School, won, 9-0.

JENNIFER BARNSDALE.

ART SOCIETY

Meetings have been held as usual though only a few enthusiasts have preferred to stay indoors during sunny dinner hours.

A visit to Coventry Cathedral and Warwick Castle, arranged for the last Saturday of Term, had to be cancelled at the last minute, but we hope to arrange a similar visit early next Term.

ALISON JONES.

THE GYM CLUB

After meeting every Monday for the past two terms the Gym Club gave a gymnastic display on Friday, 1st July, in aid of the World Refugee Year. The display commenced with a series of twists, first on the apparatus and then on the ground, followed quickly by balancing items by people working in couples. Individual displays of balance followed by partner work, were given on the apparatus. Balancing on the apparatus was shown again with the use of brightly coloured balls.

The display ended as it had commenced, by twists off the apparatus. We should like to extend our thanks to Miss Daykin for making this display possible and we hope that the School enjoyed seeing it as much as we enjoyed doing it.

Those taking part were : Sheila Moore, Mary Bott, Angela Bailey, Caroline Oram, Lindsay Morrison, Elizabeth Jeffery, Lola Bird, Susan Perkins, Aileen Boyd, Diane Pugh, Margaret Ring, Karen Day.

ANGELA BAILEY (4A).

CAROLINE ORAM (4A).

SWIMMING CLUB

There are about thirty members in our club and we have been swimming nearly every week this year, after School on Tuesdays. In the autumn and the spring we went to Redditch baths by coach, but when they were closed in the winter a few of us went to King's Heath baths by taxi.

We are learning several new strokes, including the back and front crawl, and we have been practising diving and life-saving.

We hope that the Swimming Club will continue next year.

K. STRASSER and J. SUMMERS.

NATIONAL DANCING SOCIETY

Members met regularly, under the supervision of Miss Daykin and Miss Hewitt, during second dinner on Thursdays throughout the past two terms. No seniors were involved, and the majority of dancers were First Formers.

We learnt a number of Czech, Danish and Italian dances in preparation for a demonstration in costume. There were minor difficulties in obtaining tambourines, and puff-sleeved blouses, but these were overcome by begging, borrowing, and by the hard work of many mothers. We finally gave our performance on the School Field to most of the School and members of the Staff, who appeared to find it entertaining and enjoyable.

The dancers were : Katherine Strasser, Janet Summers, Susan Cooke, Elizabeth Colegate, Joan Hedney, Sheila Michell, Jacqueline Hatton, Susan Bates, Anne Ramwell, Pat Baylis, Ingrid Ison, Sylvia Jones, Mary O'Hara, Rosamund Clifford, Anne Burman, Wendy Padbury, Cherry Strasser, Marion Wright, Linda Gait, Patricia Mahoney, Jean Thomas, Susan Fitzmaurice, Hilary Whitehead, Margaret Watton, Philippa Cockburn, Marilyn Hall, Jane Harrison, Susan Hall, Christine Reed.

SHEILA MICHELL (III A).

CHESS CLUB

This year there has been much enthusiasm on the part of our members, and many friendly games and league games have been played during dinner hours.

The League consists of three divisions at present, but next year this will probably be increased to four. It is also hoped to start a division for girls.

Our younger members seem to show most interest, and among them are some potentially good players who, with practice, can raise the standard of play considerably in the future.

The School Team, of which Russell is captain, has played two matches so far. The first, against King Edward's School, Stratford, was played at the School. At the end, we had won three games to Stratford's two. The remaining game, between Bowie and Wheeler, of Stratford, was unfinished and adjudicated as a draw. Thus the School won the match by $3\frac{1}{2}$ games to $2\frac{1}{2}$. The team (in order of boards) was Blockley, Sheppard, Russell, Bowie, Day and Jeays. We had a most enjoyable evening, and thanks are due to Mr. Thornton for staying behind and taking such an interest in the proceedings. Our second match was at Evesham, against Prince Henry's Grammar School. This was a closely-fought match which finally ended in a draw, three games each. The Team on this occasion was Blockley, Sheppard, Russell, Bowie, Fridman and Jeays.

In view of the recent formation of the Club these results are very satisfying, and we hope that we continue to have success next year.

D. BOWIE.

SIXTH FORM NOTES

Having returned from the Easter holidays, the working rate of the Upper Sixth was stepped up in preparation for the forthcoming examinations. About three days before the first examination an elongated count-down was begun commencing at about 260,000 seconds. With three hundred seconds still to go, the trend of conversation switched from "Pythagoras" to "Popeye". When zero was finally reached, we began to toast nicely in a new classroom, affectionately known as "the greenhouse".

At the conclusion of the examinations the potential university and college students could envisage themselves in no higher occupations than serving the local council. Now that the results are known, we hope that everyone has achieved their ideal.

Early in the term the Sixth Form English Group, aided by Juniors, performed Marlowe's play "Dr. Faustus." During the production, the arrival of a certain member of staff unfortunately coincided with the announcement of the entrance of the "seven deadly sins."

Towards the end of the term, Sixth Formers joined the parties visiting Stratford Cinema to see productions of "Henry V" and "Hamlet". We would like to take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to Miss Webley and other members of staff who accompanied us.

Returning to School after the examinations we learnt from the newspapers that the end of the world was imminent. At last the "day of judgement" arrived, and a scriptural mis-quotation inscribed on the

blackboards urged sinners to repent. Towards 1.45 p.m. tension increased, and at the crucial moment the sceptics were shaken by a violent explosion which upon further investigation was found to be a sneeze.

Finally, we would like to congratulate Bowey and Day on becoming Prefects.

EILEEN SUCH, T. M. JEAYS and D. LANCASTER.

OLLA PODRIDA

The air in this vacuum is at 18 lbs. per square inch, states M.B.

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R.B., of IIA, noticed that some dilute water was poured in.

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M.B., of IA, states that he would pour the mixture down a glass rod to prevent it going the wrong way.

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L.B., of IIIB, confesses: "I went orange, red, then black."

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S.K., of IIB, thinks that the tobacco seeds are sown in bed.

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Giving instructions to a friend, P.C. was heard to state that his house was the next lamp-post on the right.

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P.L. said that there was no reason to kill spiders, just because they have eight legs and we have only four.

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E.S. said that she had just seen a spider fly away.

DR. FAUSTUS

On Tuesday, May 3rd, the Sixth Form, one Fifth Former and willing auxiliaries from IIA twice staged Marlowe's "Dr. Faustus" in the School Hall before audiences of pupils and staff.

No attempt was made at stage illusion, in fact, although they had a roof over their heads, the actors had even fewer aids than their Elizabethan counterparts, since there was no trap-door to make the appearances of Mephistophilis, Lucifer and lesser demons sudden and, perhaps, terrifying. An effort to counteract this was made in an arbitrary division of characters and entrances into "good" and "evil"; but it is doubtful whether this device was sufficiently effective to excuse some consequent awkward movements by Mephistophilis and Faustus, who, after signing his infamous bond, was never allowed to use the right-hand or good door. However, one would not willingly have foregone the sight of a respected member of staff innocently heading a procession of the Seven Deadly Sins, which was another result of labelling one door of the hall "evil".

Nor was make-up used although Mephistophilis was at times hidden, and unfortunately muffled, by an appropriately diabolical mask. Costume was intended simply to identify the characters as scholars (thanks are

here due to masters and mistresses who lent academic gowns for the occasion) nobles or apparitions. Faustus' transition from the poor Wittenburg doctor of divinity to the wealthy, but still scholarly, entertainer of royalty was cleverly marked by his richer yet sombre attire after the bond scene. Perhaps Mephistophilis might have had a better approximation of a Franciscan friar's habit; but some of the make-shift ensembles, noticeably those of Ralph (Alison Jones), the Old Man and Robin (Rosemary Patterson), Wrath (Ingrid Ison) and the Duchess of Vanholt (Sylvia Langston), were very successful. Miss Simm kindly helped Sheila Sheppard, who also acted as the Chorus, to produce such difficult "props" as "a chafer of coals", "a silver goblet" and crowns, but again the actors themselves were helpfully ingenious. Miss Daykin schooled the devils to be menacing or triumphant in movement, despite the very small platform and is also to be thanked for help in the choice of music.

As Marlowe created one character of outstanding importance in this play, it was imperative that Dr. Faustus should have more than the good memory and enthusiasm to master over six hundred lines of mighty verse. This production was indeed fortunate in Eileen Moore who, after one or two nervous moments in the first scene, gained confidence until in the bond scene and final agony she commanded the attention and admiration of every member of the audience. Moving alike in ambition, repentance and terror her acting was of a quality to inspire lesser actors but many of the supporting cast enhanced, rather than depended on, her performance. Rosemary Patterson brought to life with accent and mannerisms both her parts. The Seven Deadly Sins (Sylvia Jones, Mary O'Hara, Ingrid Ison, Sally Goodman, Anne MacAleese, Patricia Baylis and Ann Couling) enjoyed themselves in whole-hearted portrayal of their abstract qualities; Wagner (Judith Tallis and the Good Angel (Jennifer Barnsdale) used to advantage their short appearances.

Occasional inaudibility marred Mephistophilis (Russell), the Evil Angel (Jean Pirie), the Vanholts (Sylvia Langston and Gillian Clews) and even the Clown (Ruth Wright), but all these actors sincerely and often successfully conveyed their assumed personalities and, in general, the quality of speech was good. The dramatic dismissal by Lucifer (Josephine Moore), of the Sins, Mephistophilis' arrest of the repentant Faustus, the intrepid denunciation of the conjurer Faustus by the Knight (Alison Jones) at the court of the haughty Emperor (Gillian Reading), and above all the tremendous final scene made this production something more than a morning or afternoon off lessons, which produced £6 19s. 6d. for the World Refugee Fund, and we congratulate and thank all those concerned.

ROMAN HOLIDAY

It was seven o'clock on the morning of Wednesday, August 24th. At last we were off to Rome! For twelve long months we had planned and schemed for our Roman Holiday. Fears that Khrushchev might spring some surprise upon us to make a Continental holiday undesirable, if

not impossible, receded before more real terrors that we might succumb to attacks of measles or mumps, and, when the holiday was really in sight, there came the horrors of the seamen's strike which threatened to leave us high and dry on honest British soil; and when, after two days and a night of travelling halfway across Europe, we reached our destination, some of us, faint and travel weary, seriously wondered whether we would not have been just as pleased to be left behind on Victoria Station. But next day, after a dose of Milk of Magnesia and a good night's rest, we attacked our Continental breakfast of rolls and butter and coffee with relish, and set out to examine the sights of Rome.

As the days went by the marvels of the Colosseum, the Forum, the Victor Emmanuel II memorial, the Spanish Steps, all unfolded themselves before our eyes. We visited St. Peter's and saw the beautiful Michaelangelo Pietà and the figure of St. Peter with its toe worn smooth by the kisses of the Catholic Pilgrims to the Cathedral. We saw the Vatican, and the amazing scenes painted upon the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. We, one and all, visited the Trevi fountain and duly deposited our coins there to ensure that one day we should return to Rome. Eight of us saw "Rigoletto" performed on the largest stage in the world, that of the Baths of Cavacello. We took a day trip to the ruins of Hadrian's Villa and the Villa d'Este, in Tivoli, outside Rome in the Sabine Hills. The fountains there were wonderful and one in particular won our hearts, for it was semi-circular and we were able to stand underneath it, giving every appearance of getting very wet, whilst in reality we remained completely dry.

The real object of the holiday in Rome must not be overlooked. We paid several visits to the 1960 Olympic Games, and saw swimming events and Athletics. These became very exciting and, as the Italians love to stand up and shout on every possible occasion, and there were also representatives of many other equally excitable nations amongst the spectators, we had a lively time.

Rome will always remain in my mind as a city full of cats and dogs. They are all rather lean and hungry-looking I am afraid. Some of our pampered English pets would do well to visit them and take heed. I heard and saw hardly any birds at all. Even the humble sparrow seems a rarity in Rome. The parks and gardens such as the Borghese gardens, which we visited on Sunday, are not nearly so well kept as English parks, and I cannot remember seeing any flowers growing at all. But there can be few other cities in the world with so many fountains, statues and lakes. Fountains appear in every other street and square. They are always symmetrically balanced: if there is a fountain at one end of a street there will always be an identical one at the other end. The Piazza Navona, near our pension, contained three fountains and was, at times, a vast playground for children.

The weather in Rome was extremely hot and sunny. We had no rain all the time we were there and on some days the temperature soared up above 100°, but to our surprise we found ourselves well able to stand these high temperatures although a day spent at Ostia on the

coast made a welcome and cooling change, as did the Catacombes at St. Sebastian.

All of us who made the visit to Rome will long remember the wonderful time we had there, and our thanks are especially due to Miss Baird, Miss Daykin and Mr. Silva, who were in charge of the party and who made our holiday such a success.

CAROLINE ORAM (IVA).

A VISIT TO CAMBRIDGE

Last December, I spent five days at Cambridge, attempting (unsuccessfully) the Open Scholarship Examination. I decided to stay at King's College, for no better reason than that it was first on the list of five.

The journey there was uneventful, in fact, the boredom was broken only by the noisy hooter which the driver clearly loved to sound. The other occupants of the train were obviously other examinees, many in pairs from one school, and all very jittery. We dismounted at the very typical and very dirty railway station, and caught buses to the city centre.

I found the College easily (one cannot miss King's), and presented myself at the Porter's Lodge. Now, surely, even a prospective undergraduate does not call the porter "sir". But on seeing his immaculate suit and perfectly tied black bow tie, I wondered. Luckily I did not commit myself, for a moment later, to my lasting delight, he addressed me in just that way. I imagine that many people have made that blunder, and I was very close to doing so.

I was told that I had been allotted room 18 on staircase "S", which, to my annoyance, was fully three-hundred yards from the main gate, and at the top of four flights of stone steps. I marched in without knocking, and was much taken aback to find the owner there still packing—a third year medical student. He was not annoyed, somewhat surprisingly; he asked me if I would sit down and make myself at home, whether I would like some tea, where I came from, what subject I took, and so on. After ten minutes, his parents arrived to drive him home for the vacation, and, as soon as he had finished packing, they went, and I was left to my own devices.

The Dining Hall was a magnificent room, of immense size, and beautifully finished in oak panelling. A massive gong was struck, the High Table entered, and a deep and sonorous voice proclaimed grace in Latin. Everyone sat down, and a most excellent meal was served by astute waiters in immaculate white coats.

After dinner, I wandered aimlessly round the city centre. It was a Sunday evening, and totally dark; I could not identify any of the colleges since they do not display their names; all the shops and cafés were closed, and, just to complete matters, it began to rain. I returned to the College (not without difficulty, for I had completely lost my sense of direction) and went to bed. Washing facilities were definitely poor; to reach the bathrooms, I had to descend the four flights of stairs and walk

along in the open to another door. One would imagine that I would have been careful to take everything the first time, but no, I forgot my towel.

Next day—the examinations. A group of us assembled outside the Old School's Building, and at five minutes to nine, the doors were opened. We sat down on the hard oak benches (reminiscent of a church pew), and arranged paper, pencil, log tables and slide rule on the wooden desk provided. These long desks are only about a foot across, and are most uncomfortable and awkward to work on. The question papers were distributed. I picked mine up and looked at it. Oh, dear !

The examinations lasted four days, a total of six hours each day. The essay paper contained subjects like, "What do you consider to be the place of Picasso in the history of art?" and "Social conscience in the modern novel." The translation paper contained a piece of Latin Prose of at least A-level standard, and a piece of French that was worse still. As for the mathematics papers—I have seen better ones in a nightmare.

After four days of this, I was glad to come back home. I had wandered round most of the city during the evenings; I had identified every college in the University from a map that I had bought (except Girton, which is nearly three miles from the city centre); and I had drunk many cups of coffee in many different cafés. It was, in all, a most interesting experience.

T. M. JEAYS (UVIsc).

CANALS

We all think of a canal as a quiet winding waterway which has a tow-path alongside it and often a number of fishermen lazily watch their floats, which dance on the gently rippled surfaces of the water. Along this imaginary canal there occasionally fusses a long barge, which is heavily laden and therefore floats low in the water. Ripples from the bows splash against the banks, and the barge leaves behind it an acrid tang of petrol or diesel oil in the air. In more picturesque scenes, the barge is preceded by a grey carthorse which plods along, towing the barge on the end of a long tow-rope which jerks up and down with each of the horse's movements.

Canals, however, were not built for transport only, in fact they have been used for this purpose for under two hundred years. There are canals of three categories : canals built for drainage, irrigation and transport. The first canals were probably built in the Middle East, for drainage and irrigation purposes, in very early times. They were first used by the Egyptians and later by the Romans. It has lately been found that the Romans had a series of artesian wells and canals across the Northern fringe of the Sahara desert. Most of their corn was grown on land irrigated by these. Later, Charlemagne built a canal system. The early Chinese had a system of irrigation canals which they built under the influence of one of the Emperors, and used extensively.

The first European transport canal of any consequence was the

Longuedoc Canal between the Bay of Biscay and the Mediterranean Sea, built during the seventeenth century. The canal, finished between 1680 and 1685, rose to a height of 620 feet above sea level.

Many problems were faced by canal builders, and one of the most important is to carry the canal across uneven country. This was achieved in several ways, the most common and well-known way being by the use of locks, which were invented by the Dutch or Italians during the thirteenth century, and of which no description is needed. Many other means have been used, however, although none has proved really effective. One quite common method is the use of a concrete, or rock, chute. Here the slope is quite steep and the barges are virtually washed down, their descent being assisted by a flood of water released at the top. Barges are winched up the slope, still assisted by the flood of water which gives them some small degree of buoyancy. For obvious reasons, this is not a particularly effective or economical method of carrying a canal over a hill, and other means have therefore been evolved. One of these is to use a trolley on which to winch the barge up. Again, this method has not been very successful because barges of over seventy tons in weight (when laden) are not strong enough to support themselves. A more effective method is to float the barge into a large tank of water which can be pulled up the slope with no damage to the barge. Another interesting method is a vertical lift, only effective on short steep gradients, and an example of this can be seen on the Birmingham-Worcester canal at Tardebigge.

Although the canal builders always tried to keep to the valleys, they had to cross some hills, and for this they used embankments or aqueducts. When the obstruction was an unclimbable hill, the early British engineers cut a tunnel. As a great deal of labour was involved in this, the tunnel had to be as narrow as possible, and the barges were propelled through by men lying on the prow and performing a walking action. Later engineers with better facilities, included tow-paths in their tunnels.

A glance at a map will show that Birmingham and the black-country are like the hub of a large wheel, the spokes of which are the canals radiating from the canal pool in Birmingham. It is fairly obvious that artificial inland waterways have been doomed for a long time, and their only hope is that manufacturers will realise that it is in their interest to load their goods for export onto barges and thence directly onto ships in the ports. If they did this they would save all the time wasted by storage. But from present trends it seems that canals and their feeding reservoirs will fall into even worse disrepair than at present, and Britain will have lost the only means of transport which tends to improve rather than besmirch the landscape. And, while canals disappear, while railways become less and less competitive, manufacturers will continue to aggravate the chaos on the roads by crowding them with lorries carrying cargoes which, but for a gain in time, which is largely lost anyway, could be easily and efficiently carried by water.

S. ORTON (VA).

FIRING A CANDLE THROUGH A DOOR

If an ordinary tallow candle is pushed hard against a door it will either be pressed out of shape or broken, yet this same candle can be fired from a gun through a thick door with scarcely any injury to the candle.

In the old days of black powder and muzzle-loading guns the candle was used as the bullet, but now it can be fired by means of a cartridge. The method that is followed is to cut off the top of a sporting cartridge, empty out the shot, and then insert into the top of the case five or six inches of candle. If the gun is then fired at the door there is a bang and on examining the door it is found that there is a clean, round hole right through the timber. The practically undamaged candle is found some yards behind the door.

This can be explained by the fact that, when the candle is fired from the gun, it has a great deal of energy imparted to it. When the rapidly-moving candle strikes the door it passes on this energy to that part of the door that it strikes and carries this with it, leaving a clean round hole.

It is an astonishing feat, and should be seen to be believed. It has often been done and there is no difficulty about it. In fact, there used to be a saying, "As easy as shooting a candle through a barn door."

MARGARET POPE (VA).

VISIT TO A STATELY HOME

Recently, we visited Ombersley Court to see an exhibition of flower arrangements.

The Court is a grey stone building, surrounded by smooth lawns set with cedars and wellingtonias.

Passing through the main entrance, we found ourselves in a high square room, with a gallery running along the opposite side and a great many stags' heads and pairs of antlers adorning the walls. In the centre of the room was a table on which were the miniature flower arrangements, some of them in shells and on stones. Around the room were large arrangements of various flowers, some containing such things as wheat, barley and poppy heads.

Several other rooms were open to the public, and one of these was the library. Here, among the many leather-bound books was a copy of Domesday Book in two volumes.

As could be expected in a stately home, there were a great many oil paintings on the walls, in fact, in some places they were fitted together like pieces of mosaic, covering the wall completely. They were all portraits, painted in the same style, and although on some of them the names of the people were clearly painted, the artist had not left his signature.

When we had seen all this it was time to cross the cobbled yard to the old coach house where a demonstration of flower arrangement was being held. The demonstration was given by Mrs. Buckingham, Chairman of the South Berkshire Floral Society. She was a pupil of the late

Constance Spry, who started the idea of flower arrangement. In about half-an-hour the demonstrator showed the construction of four arrangements. She worked very quickly, explaining points and answering questions all the time. The first two arrangements were in green and white only, one in a crystal candle stick—a very popular container—and the other, consisting of lilies and lime flowers, in a long, almost flat, dark green leaf-shaped dish which Constance Spry had designed herself from an Australian leaf. The third was a straw hat filled with roses, which was intended as a wall decoration; while the fourth arrangement contained many kinds of bright flowers and emphasised the importance of graded colours.

We learned a great deal and returned home determined to try some flower arrangement of our own.

HELEN JACKSON (VA).

THE HAPPIEST DAYS OF YOUR LIFE

Pin and Flump are working,
A thing they rarely do,
On this contribution,
A poem just for you.

School life is the subject:
A rotten one it's true,
Of teachers, prefects and such like
And lastly of school stew.

The teachers are a sore point
On that you must agree,
'Cause if Flump turns to talk to Pin,
She gets some pages, three.

Prefects are a menace,
They are always everywhere;
Trotting up the corridor,
Coming up the stair.

Another of the problems,
That is common to each school,
Is that of the school dinners—
They treat us really cruel.

To finish off this poem
(It is one as you've guessed),
It's the work of certain pupils
Who wrote it for a jest.

ANNE PINFIELD and JANE EBORALL.

MACHINERY

Every hour of the day, man's ingenuity moulds and decorates the essentials of our life. Without the help of machinery mass producing articles at great speed, many of the common items taken for granted would be luxuries which only richer people could afford. In industry, farming, in many forms of transport on land or sea, or in the air, machines bring to us the pleasures of a full life.

Every paper read has been through a series of machines. First, the latest engine-driven saw fells the tree, then the tree is stripped of its bark and made into pulp, with chemicals added to bleach and stiffen the paper. The pulp then goes through a giant steam press which rolls

out the pulp in a long, thin sheet, which is then dried out and cut into the correct sizes for printing, again by machines.

Where would farmers be without machinery? The majority of the work done on a farm today is done by a deisel tractor, which, with the aid of other implements, ploughs, harrows, scuffles, plants, and rolls the ground. The combine harvester then reaps the crops, with the engine-driven bailer to bail the straw. The tractors then take over and collect the bails, taking them to the site of a rick for stacking.

How would man travel long distances today without vehicles? How would vehicles travel if it were not for giant scrapers, drawn by powerful catapillar tractors, which level the ground, and complicated machines which tar the levelled road? Engines, made by machines, are installed in the chassis of vehicles and, with the aid of petrol, convey us from place to place with ease and comfort. If machines could not make the parts of great liners or cargo ships, we would only have wooden craft to take us across the oceans to trade with other countries, or to emigrate to other countries to start a new life. Aircraft, also, are made by machines: each part must be skilfully shaped and fitted together. Jet engines to propel the aircraft have to be machine made and some parts specially hardened to withstand the withering heat from the fumes of the jets.

Where would we be in our own homes if we did not have machines to cook, freeze or mix ingredients. Without machinery we should be lost in a backward world.

P. J. HANDY (IV).

LES NOUVEAUX RICHES

In the present affluent society the distinction bestowed by a coat of arms and a family motto may perhaps be aspired to by the erstwhile "lower classes". The College of Heralds has not approved the following but we suggest that they are not inappropriate.

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Mr. Jones, second-hand car dealer: Crede mihi—Trust me.

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John Smith, G.C.E. candidate: Da mihi sapientiam—Grant me wisdom.

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Miss Limmelthwaite, dancing mistress: Gradatim vincimus—Step by step we prevail.

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Prisoner, Bill Sykes: Nil sine labore—Nought without toil.

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P.C. 99: Perge sed caute—Proceed with care.

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Mr. Sparks, electrician: Numquam non paratus—Ever ready.

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Tommy Farr, boxer: Resurgam—I will arise again.

Mr. Knight, lighthouse keeper : Sic luceat lux—May your light so shine.

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Tensing, mountaineer : Sublimiora petamus : Let us seek higher things.

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Sergeant-Major Popgun : Surge et fulge—Rise and shine.

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Athlete, on last stage of cross-country : Dum spiro, spero—As long as I have breath, I have hope.

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Boxer, knocked out in 10th round : Vulneratus non victus—Wounded, but not subdued.

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Runner at beginning of 10-mile marathon : Respice finem—Look to the end.

FORM IV LATIN GROUP.

THE LISTENER

The setting sun cast its last dying rays over the still countryside. This peaceful silence was only broken by the occasional twitterings of birds, and the constant swirling of the river. As darkness cast its shadow over the world the listener only heard the movements of many small creatures in the undergrowth, scurrying about in search of food. A bat flapped its lively way across the river uttering erie high-pitched whistling as it went; mice and rats were forcing their way through the comparatively tall grass, only remaining still when the wise old tawny owl flew from the shadows of the derelict barn in search of prey, his keen, wide eyes surveying the land below and picking out the movements of little grey whiskery mice following their usual winding roads. Suddenly he swooped down and arose with a frantically struggling mouse in his talons and flew to a great straggling old oak to devour his prey. All was silent except for the listener, moving to relieve his cramped limbs, which caught in different places, spreading, as if a long, groping hand was slowly injecting him with pain.

The night creatures soon recovered from their fright and continued their fussy scurrying. Suddenly a twig snapped, the listener tensed and peered intently into the cold, bleak waste. The slight noises of the roosting pheasants were occasionally disturbed by a scuffling and a dull thud. The listener moved out of his hiding place and stealthily crept to the spot from whence the noises came.

Suddenly there was a roar of a shotgun, and, for a split second the flash showed the pain-racked face of the listener, groaning among a clump of nettles. Then there was a splash as a body was pushed into the river. Then all was silent again as if in mourning for the dead, and a dark shadowy form slipped away to disappear in a blanket of darkness.

R. BRADLEY (IV_A).

YOUTH HOSTELS

Cycling, walking or canoeing,
You can be sure, whatever you're doing,
That the hostel sign means food and rest,
To help the traveller maintain his best.

The hostel is a massive place,
Converted thoughtfully, without loss of grace,
Some are castles, halls and mills
Set in backgrounds of gentle hills.

You'll be welcome when you're hiking,
Boating, climbing or push-biking,
But of rules a misinterpretation
Would lose the warden's approbation.

This youthful pastime to pursue,
A small sum of money is your due,
Having joined, you must remember,
"Hostel with card to pass as member."

C. J. SUCH (IVA).

OFF FOR THE HOLIDAY

We wake up too early; the weather is fine;
Did mum pack the cases? I can't find mine;
What time is the breakfast? We mustn't be late;
The taxi-man said he'd be here at eight.
I do hope the train won't be too full today;
I really don't think I could stand all the way;
Has anyone seen what I did with my hat?
And did dad take Mrs. Smith the food for the cat?
Who's having the budgie? Oh, yes! Mrs. Ray;
Did mum tell the milkman, "No milk today?"
Who stopped the papers . . . or did you forget?
And where is that taxi? It isn't here yet.
Where is the dog? Oh, He's here on the mat;
My photo of "Elvis"! I must take that;
Close up the windows, and lock up the door;
I really don't feel I can stand anymore.
Here we are at the station . . . ten minutes to spare;
Dad, get the tickets. The office is there;
Is this the right platform, did that porter say?
We don't want to find we've gone the wrong way.
Here is the train. Now let us be quick;
Don't go in a "Smoker"; Mum says she feels sick;
The sun is shining; the skies look clear;
Thank goodness the holidays only come once a year.

CHRISTINE JARRETT (IVB).

EXAMS !

Printed papers,
Knees shake,
Watchful teacher,
Children quake.

Bitten pencils
Broken leads,
Many frowns,
Scratched heads.

Busy pens
Smiles of joy,
Easy questions,
Looks coy.

Time's up,
Pens stop,
"It was easy,"
"It was not."

Friends chatter,
Exam's done,
Hate school?
It's fun.

DIANE CROSS (IVB).

THE WRAITH

It was eleven o'clock before I went to bed. I turned off the light, and opened the curtains to reveal a grey, misty world. Round the street-lamp outside, the fog swirled in wreaths, and it seemed to cling with clammy dampness to the window panes. I was about to turn away when I saw him, a little ragged urchin in grey.

He seemed to merge with the fog. In the light of the lamp I saw that he stared about him with wide-open eyes in a thin face, as if searching for something. It was cold outside, and he dug his hands deep into his pockets in a useless attempt to keep warm. He glanced up at my window, and for a moment the thin face with its high cheekbones and hair plastered down by the moisture from the fog was turned towards me. For one brief moment I saw the empty, meaningless, yet searching eyes gazing at me. I hurried downstairs and opened the street door, but I knew, before I did so, that no-one would be there.

All the next day I was bothered by the memory of the little boy. Then night came again. It was another typical London night, foggy and wet. Again I looked out of my window at the misty street. No-one was there. Suddenly, the little boy was there again, gazing vacantly at the lighted windows. I hurried downstairs, put on my coat and went out into the dreary London night.

No-one was there. I hurried off in the direction of the poorer quarters of the city, then ahead of me I caught sight of a ragged grey jacket. I quickened my pace, but always the thin figure in grey kept ahead of me. My own footsteps rang out in the street and were only faintly muffled by the fog, but no sound came from the footfalls of the figure ahead of me. The boy suddenly turned down a side street towards some bombed buildings. The fog swirled thicker and seemed to close in on me, forcing me back. I could hardly keep within sight of the boy.

There was a lamp at the edge of the pavement where he stopped, and a single flight of steps leading up to where there had once been a house. But there was no house now, just the steps. For some reason I did not go any closer to the strange little boy; I just stood and watched, spellbound. The mist swirling around him, and the light from the lamp made him look almost unreal. It formed a halo of light around his head. He climbed the flight of steps, and turned to look at me. He turned again and motioned as if he was opening a door. Then he passed through a door that was not there, and vanished like the wraith he was.

JANICE SWAIN (IVB).

ENGLAND

Most people crave to go abroad
To see the foreign lights,
But I prefer to stay at home
And enjoy the English sights.

In summer-time the fields are green,
The rivers flow with ease,
The birds are singing all day long,
Whilst nestling in the trees,

At night as shadows start to fall
And birds fly home to rest,
The air is cool as cool can be . . .
It's England I love best.

WENDY BLAKE (IVB).

THE END OF THE RACE

The crowd all shout and yell with all their might;
The day is hot, the sky is blue and clear,
Oh, I must win! The white tape is in sight
Yet my opponent seems so very near,
And I must run much faster yet I fear.
The tape I've reached at last, I've won! I've won!
And now I do not mind the burning sun.

ANGELA EVERITT (III A).

THE RED VELVET GOAT

A poet, by the name of Esteban
Decided for his friends, to write a play,
To buy two goats for breeding was his plan,
With money which the audience had to pay,
The audience, dressed in colours bright and gay,
Assembled in the square to see the fun,
Don Pepe, honoured guest, sat in the sun.

Mariana, the heroine, was overcome,
When draped upon the prompter's box, she saw
Her dress of bright red velvet, all undone
That dress upon her wedding day she wore.
She cried to Esteban with feelings sore
"You knave, you've ruined my best dress for me,
You'll pay for this my friend just wait and see."

Mariana once more appeared upon the stage,
She wore a dress of amber, blue and gold,
Her train was carried by a youthful page,
She spoke to Esteban with accent bold,
"Don Esteban, I thank you for your gold,
I bought this dress and also a new coat,
You write another play to buy your goat."

JANET SUMMERS (III A).

THE COUNTRYSIDE

The countryside was calm and peaceful in the dim light of the evening. Only the birds twittered in the trees and occasionally the owl gave its eerie hoot, whilst hunting for its prey. The squirrel scuttled to its nest amongst the branches and the rabbits huddled together in their warrens. The dormouse crept to his hole and the snail retreated into his shell. Down by the lake a deer and its fawn were gently dabbling in the shallows of the water, whilst the bull-frogs croaked and the dragon-fly whirred above the reeds. The cricket chirped in the long green grass and the moon slowly replaced the sun which was sinking in the west. All was still and calm and every animal was asleep. However, trudging slowly on the smooth-shaven grass bank by the side of the wood was a poor, bedraggled old tramp, who had walked far and wide, and was fatigued after such a long day. He climbed the fence, dragging his small packages behind him, and lay exhausted beneath a broad oak tree, and fell asleep.

Disturbed by this interruption, a spider appeared and ran over the old tramp's hand and settled in his pocket. At last all was calm, until dawn, when the birds sang, the squirrel sat overhead cracking his nuts and the whole wood was awake. Such a commotion disturbed the poor tramp, who awoke to start another weary day.

MONICA ROCK (III_B).

AN EVENING WALK

I can remember not so long ago,
I went for a walk in the hills,
The night was still, the sun was low,
As slowly I passed through the fields.

The flags by the lake closed up their petals,
The sun looked like blood as it set,
Down the slopes fell small water falls,
From which a doe drank peacefully.

The mountain sheep from around rocks did peep
And a mist covered all the hills,
A foal by its mother did sleep,
And I wandered back through the fields.

JACQUELINE HATTON (III_B).

THE RACE

The flag goes up, and they roar away,
The noise shatters the silence of the day,
A rider in white leads the pack,
But now the others are hitting back.

They round the bend, then into the splash,
Into which many of the riders fall or crash,
But still the man in white is leading,
To the cries and shouts of people cheering.

Three weary laps have now been done
And still the riders battle on.
The dust and stones begin to rise,
Which penetrates the rider's eyes.

One lap to go and the bikes hurtle on,
Engines now deafening a cheerful throng;
Rounding a corner for the very last time,
The rider in white crosses the finishing line.

Spectators are delighted to have seen
The thrilling racing which there has been.
But now the course is bare and the crowds have diminished
As this moto-cross event has finished.

V. PALMER and M. J. SMITH (III_B).

THE EXPLORATION OF A SCHOOL DESK

At the end of the term, one of my last jobs is to clear out my desk. I open it and stare hopelessly at the pile of rubble. Books lie in heaps, paper everywhere. What a horrible mess!

I get out all the books first. Goodness I wonder how *her* book got into my desk. I take it out, dust it, and give it back to its frantic owner, who has by now discovered her loss. My books are piled high on my chair, I move back and . . . bang, crash, everyone glares at me while I pick the whole lot up. I stare into my desk again. Ah, here's the waste-paper basket! I transfer some of the paper to it. Two pages that weren't collected, I can use those again. Three notes from an unknown person,

my last report envelope, a pencil, half a rubber and a beetle come to light. My friends and I stare fascinated at the black beetle, then, squash, one of the less squeamish . . . ugh! I remove the body. I take my dry ink well and tip it up to rescue a drawing pin. Alas! blotting paper! It had some ink in.

All my desk is spruce and tidy, I have packed my . . . where is my new pen? I open my desk lid, rummage around, still no pen, I look in my pencil case, there it is! I look at my desk and with a sigh of, "Ah, well," I start again.

INGRID ISON (IIA).

A SUNSET ON A SUMMER EVENING

I sat on the stile leading over into a field of ripening corn and gazed over the trees to the sun, which was just turning from the golden-yellow colour of the day to a blazing orange. The blue of the sky started paling around the sun and began to turn that pale, bluey-green peculiar to early sunsets.

As the sun sank behind the trees, pink edged clouds floated on the branches, gradually turning to a rosy pink veil, edged with gold. The fluffy white clouds changed to a misty vapourish grey and the sun made a deep rose lake, low over the hills. Gold streaks in the sky seemed like fiery fingers stretching out to drag down the sun from the sky and, as if obeying their wish, the sun sank out of sight. The pink and grey clouds gradually dispersed until all that was left of the sunset was the faint greenish light in the western sky and slowly I made my way home, thinking of the wonder I had seen.

ANN RAMWELL (IIA).

UPON THE DOWN

With laughter gay the girls soon left the town.
And then with eager steps they climbed the down.
Heather and gorse bloomed everywhere
A beautiful scene beyond compare.
Reaching the top with faces aglow,
They looked down in wonder at the beauty below.
They sat down and rested; gone was dull care,
As they filled their lungs with sweet scented air.
God's gifts of nature and beauty abound
In a carpet of colour spread over the ground.

PATRICIA BLACKWELL (IIA).

EXAMINATIONS

Examinations drawing near,
This will be my second year,
All the questions I don't know,
Will soon come, will soon go.

First arithmetic, then art,
The latter is the nicer part.
The Stone-Age we have to meet,
Before the history is complete.

Irregular verbs we have to know,
"Avoir" to have, and "devoir" to owe.
"Tempest", "Dream Gold," and "Moonfleet,"
The "Pied Piper" we must repeat.

Electrolysis of water we had to write,
 At chemistry and physics I'm not very bright,
 I'm glad when biology has gone
 And geometry and algebra have been done.

All this work tires my brain,
 The learning and swotting drives me insane,
 In a few weeks it will all be forgotten
 The result only will be remembered;
 Ah, well! someone must come bottom.

SYLVIA JONES (IIA).

RHYMES ON CRICKET

When he the fielders carefully had scanned,
 The batsman at the wicket took his stand,
 His eye was keen and his bat was straight,
 But he met a most untimely fate,
 For the ball that came from out the blue,
 Was a deadly ball, so straight and true.
 The middle stump was seen to rise
 Before the wicket-keeper's eyes,
 "Owzat!" exclaimed first slip with glee,
 "He's out, come on, let's have some tea!"

When tea was over, out they came,
 Bat number ten *did* know the game.
 First ball was six over the bowler's hand
 Second was four by the umpire's hat-band.
 The next one really, was very short,
 And was hit just about where it ought,
 Then he tried to hook the ball to leg
 He missed, and it hit his middle peg,
 Last man's first ball hit his off-side bail,
 And that is the end of my little tale.

R. F. JEAYS (IIA).

ENGLAND

If I lived in Greenland,
 Or if I lived in Spain,
 The song that I am singing,
 Would always be the same,
 The song of home and England,
 And all the friends I know.
 Perhaps I'd see a blackbird,
 As he sings upon a bough,
 And I'd walk along the lane,
 And stop to have a look
 At the lovely bluebells,
 To be gathered, by the brook.

SHEILA KINCHIN (IIB) and
 DIANNE CHITTOCK (IIB).

SNOW

The snow falls softly upon the ground,
 And in the sky flakes flow around,
 The white coat covers all the land
 The hedges, the bushes and the beaches' sand.

The old folk find it hard to go:
 It's very slippery upon the snow,
 The roadman comes around with grit
 Covering the paths to stop you slip.

The sun comes out
 And melts the snow away,
 The birds begin to sing,
 It's a wonderful day.

MILWARD (IIB).

A MORAL: MARY GREY

A year ago in a land far away,
Lived a little girl called Mary Grey,
She was as impatient as ever could be
And very bad-tempered as you will see.
She stamped her feet for nothing at all,
And could rage like a lion although she was small.
One day she went for a ride on her pony
With her best friend whose nickname was Moany.
They went to a shack outside the town
Whose floorboards were loose and broken down.
Mary and Moany had their tea,
And then they began to disagree.
Mary said Moany was ever so greedy
For she'd eaten too much and felt rather seedy.
They argued away and shouted aloud,
But not one would give in because each was proud.
Mary stamped her feet but forgot, alas!
That the floorboards were loose and brittle as glass.
The floorboards broke through and down she fell,
Under the shack where there was an old well,
And poor Mary was drowned in the depths of the well.
She found out the hard way I'm sorry to say
That no good comes of stamping, and tempers don't pay.

MARGUERITE BRADSHAW (IA).

DANGEROUS FUN

Once upon a time there was a little girl, named Angela Jane. Her family were quite poor, and Angela Jane was always worrying her parents for things that the wealthy banker's daughter, named Patricia, had.

One day, Jane came into the house and said, "Mother, Patricia has some lovely new roller skates. I wish I could have some."

"You know quite well, dear, that I cannot afford to buy you silly things like that. Roller skates are very dangerous. You should be satisfied with what you have already."

Angela went off very sulkily into the garden. Her mother watched her, and said to herself, "I should not be surprised if Patricia had an accident on those roller skates."

Next morning Angela went to the front gate of the garden and, as she looked down the road, she saw Patricia go skating down. Angela felt very sad; but then she looked again, and she saw Patricia skating in the middle of the road. She was losing her balance and there was a car coming. Angela tried to warn her, but it was too late, she fell, and the car hit her.

Patricia had hurt her head and her leg, and she had to go to hospital. She was not able to walk for a long time.

After this incident, Angela Jane never pestered her mother for things that Patricia was given. Instead she thought of the things she had, not the things that she wanted. This is often a wise thing to do. One always feels much happier if one does this.

JEAN THOMAS (IA).

NEVER

Never allowed to take off my shoes,
 And run in the cool green grass;
 Never allowed to sit on the gate,
 And watch the gypsies pass;
 Never allowed to juggle with plates
 Like the man at the village fair;
 Never allowed to stand on my head,
 And move my feet in the air.
 It's funny the things you're not allowed to do
 Are always the ones you most like to do.

JULIE COLLETT (1A).

THE SEASONS

First, comes Winter with the snow
 Christmas trees and candle glow,
 Next comes Spring, and with it brings
 Hope of new created things.

Then, the Summer, time for sun,
 The sea and country, lots of fun.
 Autumn comes in russet, gold,
 Fiery leaves and colours bold.

The seasons bring their beauty rare,
 For beasts and folk, alike, to share
 In the sky and on the ground,
 So many wonders to be found.

MARILYN HALL (1B).

A BIRD IN THE HAND

Mary was playing in the garden with one of her friends named Janis. Mary heard her mother calling her and ran indoors. Mother wanted them to pick some raspberries, which were at the side of the house. Janis jumped up when Mary asked her to help, for she loved gathering fruit.

They each took a basket and began to pick the beautiful fruit, which were nearly as large as strawberries. The girls were tempted and began to eat a few. Then, after picking nearly a basketful each, they started to look around.

"Oh, look at that huge raspberry!" exclaimed Mary. It was on the opposite side of the canes from the girls and there was no way of getting near it because the canes had grown too thick.

Janis noticed this and remarked, "We could never reach that. The raspberry canes are too thick and we would spoil them if we tried to plough through them."

But Mary was not listening. With her basket in her hand she stood on tip-toe and, when she reached over, she lost her balance, and all the raspberries she had picked spilled out of her basket. She looked at them on the ground in dismay and then, with Janis's help, began to pick them up.

Later, when she told her mother, her mother sighed and said, "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush." The girls agreed.

ANN WILTSHIRE (1B).

TWO NAUGHTY SISTERS

Two naughty sisters sitting in a row,
One named Mol and the other named Jo,
Mol called Jo a silly little thing,
Jo chased Mol and put her in a bin,
Mol did shout and Mol did scream
And Mol did say that Jo was mean.
Somebody heard the noise she was making,
And did not stand very long a-gaping,
When she at last was let out of the bin,
She chased Jo, and you should have heard the din,
Just then their mother came out
To see what they were about,
When she saw them, she said,
"It's time you children were in bed."

JUNE JACQUES (1B).

OLD SCHOLARS' GUILD

President : E. Davison, M.Sc., The School House.

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Treasurer : R. M. Malin, 39E Dunnington, Alcester.

Sports Secretary : T. Savage, Evesham Road, Astwood Bank.

Easter Dance

This year the Easter Dance was held in the Greig Memorial Hall, on Friday, April 22nd. Music was by Stan Wyton, and although the attendance of Old Scholars was poor, the evening was a great success and resulted in a small profit.

Co-opted Members of Committee

In May the Committee welcomed Miss Webley and Mr. Thornton, who now represent the Staff. They immediately took a great interest in the proceedings and have been of great assistance.

Summer Reunion, 1960

The Summer Reunion was held at the School on Saturday, July 16th, by kind permission of the Governors and the Headmaster. Tennis in the afternoon commenced at 2.30 p.m. continuing until early evening. During the afternoon tea was served by Mrs. Rutter.

In the evening the Chairman, J. Mahoney, welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Davison, Mr. and Mrs. Druller, Miss M. A. Evans, members of the Staff, Old Scholars, husbands and wives. W. McCarthy acted as M.C. for dancing and games, music being provided by the Moonrakers' Dance Band. During the interval a buffet supper was served by Mrs. Rutter and her staff, to whom the Guild wish to express their thanks.

The proceedings ended at midnight with Auld Lang Syne, The Queen and the Grand Goodnight.

The Reunion was very much enjoyed by those present but unfortunately there were not enough, the total number present being 57. This number is particularly small considering that 650 invitations had been sent out.

Invitations and Notices

The Committee have decided that owing to the cost of sending Invitations, etc., it will only be possible to send these to paid-up members of the Guild and Old Scholars who have just left School.

Sports

The Sports Secretary will be pleased to hear from any Old Scholar who is willing to play for the Guild.

Ties, Badges, etc.

Ties, Scarves and Badges in the Guild colours are available from : G. P. Baylis, "The Fields," Seggs Lane, Alcester.

Dinner Dance

The Third Annual Dinner Dance will be held at the Ellington Park Hotel, on Wednesday, November 16th, at 8.0 p.m. Music will be by Stan Wyton. Tickets, 17/6 each, are now available from the Secretary and all Committee members.

Christmas Reunion, 1960

The date of the Christmas Reunion has not yet been announced but it is hoped that this will be available soon.

Sports Report

Two games of Cricket were played between the School and the Old Scholars this summer resulting in one win for each side. Both matches proved very exciting and were only decided in the final overs.

The Committee of the Old Scholars' Guild spent a very pleasant Social Evening with the School Staff on Tuesday, 14th June. Tennis was arranged for those who wished to play. The evening was so successful that afterwards a Tennis Match was arranged between the Staff and the Old Scholars. This took place on Tuesday, 12th July, and after a very hard, but most enjoyable struggle it resulted in a win for the Old Scholars.

The following have represented the Old Scholars in their matches this year : Mrs. D. Taylor, Mrs. N. Williams, B. Adkins, N. Boswell, B. Crowe, R. Duxbury, P. Drew, H. Feast, J. Harris, W. Hitchens, P. Lane, M. Malin, W. McCarthy, F. Morrall, D. Sale, B. White and T. Savage.

Annual General Meeting

This year the Committee decided to keep the Reunions completely as social occasions, because it was felt that the Business Meeting had interfered with the smooth running of previous Reunions.

A Business Meeting was held at the Swan Hotel, Alcester, on Wednesday, September 14th, at 8.0 p.m.

The Chairman, J. Mahoney, welcomed about 30 Old Scholars to the meeting. Apologies were received and noted; the Minutes of the Christmas Reunion, 1959, were read and affirmed; the Balance Sheet, copies of which had been sent to as many Old Scholars as possible, was approved by the meeting. The Treasurer, D. Taylor, explained that the actual cash balance was now about £52, and it was pointed out that about £30 would soon be required to re-stock with ties and scarves.

The Secretary thanked the Chairman, Treasurer and Committee for their help and support during the year. He also expressed thanks to Mrs. Rutter, who had served refreshments on many occasions, and to Jean Baylis and her employers, who had prepared the various circulars for Reunions, etc.

The following alterations were made to the Guild Rules:—

- 1.—The Committee to include two members of Staff.
- 2.—All business to be transacted at the Annual General Meeting, not at Reunions as in the past.
- 3.—The charge for admission to Reunions to be fixed by the Committee.

The subscription rate was discussed at some length and the new rate was fixed at 2/6 for *three* years. School-leavers to be admitted to their first Reunion at half-price. (It should be pointed out, to those attending their first Reunion, that unless they join the Guild at that Reunion their names and addresses will not be in the Guild records.)

The question of friends accompanying Old Scholars to Reunions was discussed at length and eventually rejected unanimously, the meeting deciding that Rull 11: "Old Scholars attending Reunions may bring their husbands or wives," be strictly adhered to.

The question of life membership will be discussed at the next Annual General Meeting.

Election of Officers and Committee. The following were elected to hold office for the year, 1960-61:—

President: E. Davison, Esq.; *Secretary*: C. H. Strain; *Treasurer*: R. M. Malin; *Assistant Secretary*: P. Feast; *Sports Secretary*: T. Savage; *Committee* (Alcester and District): G. A. Baylis, J. Mahoney, G. H. Canning, Mrs. N. Williams; (Studley District): W. McCarthy, R. Bott, T. Davis, Mrs. M. Feast, Mrs. N. Thursfield; (Stratford): A. W. Brand, Miss R. Highman; (Haselor and Great Alne): Mrs. D. Taylor; *Staff*: Miss A. Webley, Mr. W. Thornton.

Thanks were expressed to the retiring committee members; also to the Chairman, and to the retiring Treasurer, Mrs. D. Taylor, who had held the office for 6 years.

It was agreed that a letter of appreciation for her past services to the Guild, be sent to Miss Jean Young, the former President.

OLD SCHOLARS' NEWS

Barbara Druller has gained the Academic Postgraduate Diploma in Librarianship of London University.

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Patricia A. Fowler (1950-'56) has successfully completed her training as a State Nurse at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham.

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John Gittus has been appointed research manager at the Springfield Laboratories of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority.

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Diana Freeling (née Rimmer) has passed the examination of the Royal Society of Health for health visitors.

D. R. Careless has gained a Higher National Certificate in Mechanical Engineering at Aston Technical College, and now becomes a fully qualified Engineering Draughtsman.

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A. J. Treadgold (1950-'57) has obtained his B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering with 2nd-class honours at Leeds University.

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C. E. Buckley (1943-'52) obtained B.D.S., L.D.S., and R.C.S.(Eng.), at Birmingham University.

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M. P. Finnemore (1950-'57) has gained 1st-class honours in his B.Sc.(Eng.) degree at University College, London.

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Jill Burford (1951-'58) played hockey for the Southern Universities' 2nd XI.

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Nine Old Scholars, members of Ragley Ladies' Hockey Club, visited Holland at Easter as guests of Soest Hockey Club and thoroughly enjoyed their matches as well as the sightseeing, which included visits to Edam, Volendam, Amsterdam, Utrecht and some of the bulb fields. The Old Scholars were Misses R. Bunting, E. Holder, M. Williams, J. Jordan, J. Bullock, Mrs. S. Latham (née Spencer), Mrs. J. Reader (née Holder), Mrs. V. Baylis (née Smith), Mrs. D. Taylor (née Morris).

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Pamela Rook is now working as a physiotherapist in Melbourne, Australia.

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Raymond Michael Malin became an Associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales in November, 1958.

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G. R. T. Collett won a by-election at Coughton for the vacant seat on Alcester Rural District Council.

Births

February 23rd, to Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Beachus—a son.

February 23rd, to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Savage—a daughter.

March 9th, to Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Gray (née Sheila Rymell) — a daughter.

March 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Hill (née Barbara Perkins)—a daughter.

April 2nd, to Mr. and Mrs. E. O'Neal (née Jill Dixon)—a son.

April 6th, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Spooner—a daughter.

April 12th, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Allen (née Josephine Preston) — a daughter.

April 28th, to Mr. and Mrs. G. Wood (née Josephine Hancox) — a daughter.

May 12th, to Mr. and Mrs. E. Bamford—a daughter.

May 14th, to Dr. and Mrs. N. F. Fielding (née Ann Chavasse)—a son.
May 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Byrd (née Doreen Etsell)—a daughter.
May 30th, to Mr. and Mrs. N. Blake (née Mary Bunting)—a daughter.
June 22nd, to Mr. and Mrs. P. Lane—a son.
July 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. G. Baylis (née Joy Busby)—a daughter.
July 27th, to Mr. and Mrs. L. Westwood (née Ann Wilcox)—a son.
August 22nd, to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Keyte (née Betty Phillips) — a daughter.
August 11th, to Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Baylis (née Valerie Smith)—a son.
July 10th, to Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Brookes (née Margaret Cund)—a daughter.
March 21st, to Mr. and Mrs. R. P. McCarthy—a daughter.
May 19th, to Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Collett (née Josephine Allen) — a son.

Marriages

February 27th, at Worthing, Harry Bridges (1943-'48), to Gillian Watts.
March 5th, at Alcester, Reginald Keith Grummett (1949-'53), to Mary June Brice.
March 12th, at Stratford-on-Avon, Colin Sutton to Anne Margaret Davis (1950-'55).
March 12th, at Temple Grafton, Graham Wilkins to Ann Elizabeth O'Dell (1949-'54).
April 16th, at Alcester, Gordon Dennis Keyte (1948-'55), to Linda Ann Croyden (1951-'56).
April 18th, at Cleeve Prior, Keith John Milward (1949-'54), to Della Adams.
April 28th, at Exhall, John Charles Horseman to Jean Elizabeth Margaret Buggins (1947-'52).
May 4th, at Coughton, Colin E. Buckley (1943-'52) to Ann Palmer (1946-'54).
April 30th, at Alcester, George Heap Haines (1936-'46) to Patricia Mary Screeton.
May 21st, at Studley, Barry Harris to Ann Marion Ward (1950-'55).
June 4th, at Alcester, Derrick John Ward (1950-'55) to Eileen Yvonne Payne.
June 4th, at Alcester, Frederick Harry Burdett to Carolyn Frances Woodward (1949-'54).
June 6th, at Redditch, Colin Robert White to Norma Frances Hemming (1952-'57).
June 11th, at Bidford-on-Avon, Robert Russell to Betty Kendall (1949-'54).
June 11th, at Badsey, Keith Ludlow (1950-'55) to Marjory Ann Marshall.
June 25th, at Studley, Louis Charles Parker to Doreen B. Jones (1949-'54).
July 16th, at Studley, Brian Southwell to Juliet Ross (1953-'59).

July 23rd, at Alcester, Richard Harold Francis (1948-'52) to Jeanette Rosalind Arnall.

August 20th, at Alcester, William John Crowe to Irene Ruth Benfield (1951-'56).

August 27th, at Redditch, John Ernest Peace (1947-'54) to Barbara Alvira Bull.

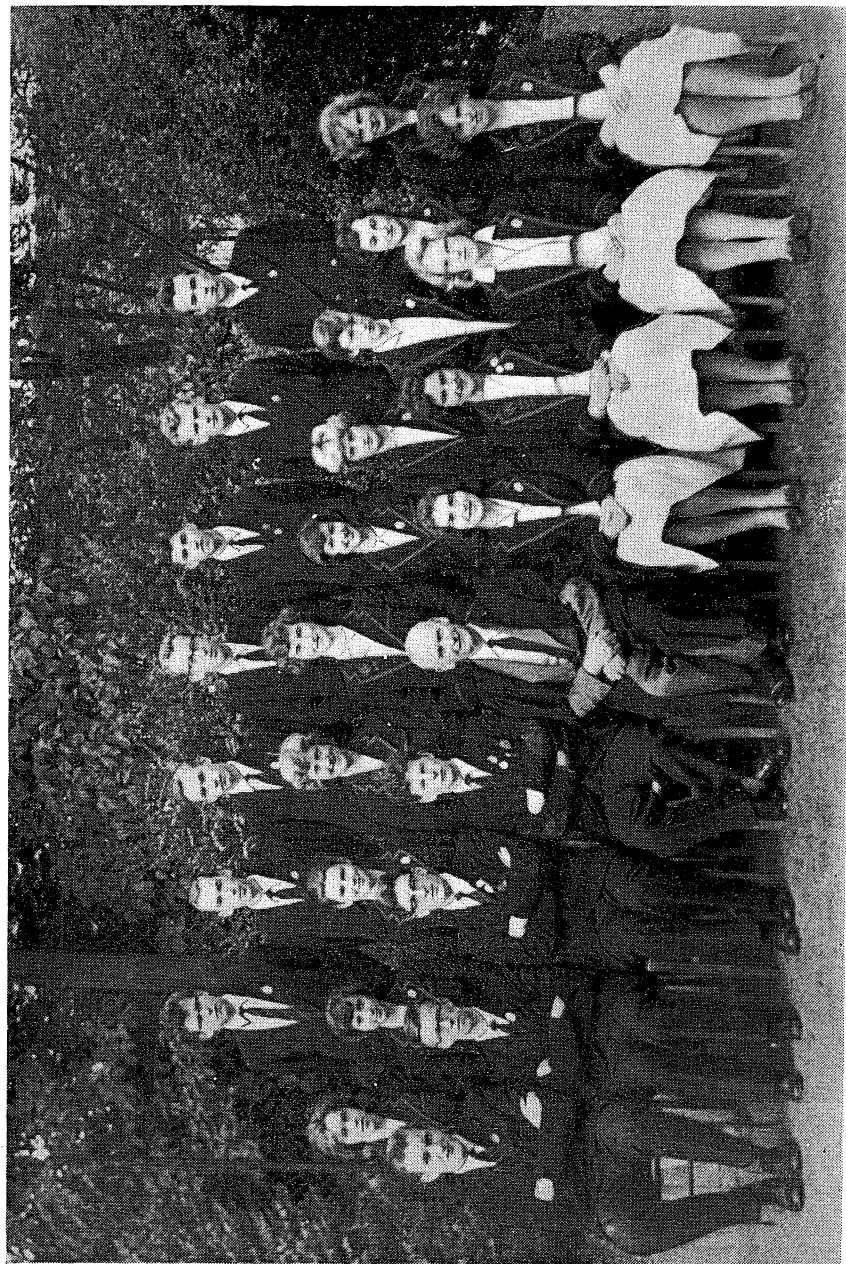
September 1st, at Coughton, William Henry Lunn Feast (1941-'53) to Sylvia Ann Morris.

August 20th, at Studley, William P. McCarthy to Helen Margaret Allcock.

February 29th, at Studley, John William Boyes to Hilda Horton (1949-'54).

Death

July 8th, at Alcester, Walter Leonard Sisam (1913-'22).



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